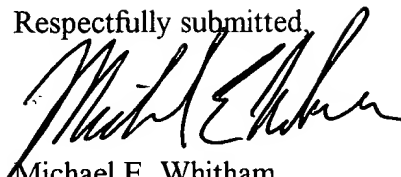


Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Whitham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent.

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Claim 3 (once amended). A magnetoresistive effect sensor according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein said lower shield is made of a material of CoZrTa and CoZrTaCr alloy, as a base.

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